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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA
Deputy for Materiel, OSA
Deputy for Research & Development, OSA
Comptroller, OSA
Chief, Security Staff, OSA

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes for the DCI

The attached pages have been provided the DD/S&T as briefing notes for the Director to use in possible meetings with Cabinet and Independent Agency chiefs in the near future. We may be called upon to supplement or amplify the notes within the next two to three weeks.

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Acting Director of Special Activities

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NRO review(s) completed.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Agency Contracting Support

Within my extraordinary statutory authority, we provide your establishment with flexible and rapid procurement contract support for the covert development and acquisition of reconnaissance aircraft and related systems that are derivatives of earlier Agency programs. These include the U-2, the SR-71, the YF-12A Interceptor,

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[REDACTED] Contract commitments in

this area have [REDACTED]

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To preserve the integrity of the systems, we provide covert industrial security programs nation-wide for the industrial activity which results from these contracts. The industrial security program includes personnel, physical, document and operational security and provides for compartmentation of highly sensitive programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Agency Aircraft Developments

DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE:

We pioneered the technical development of the Mach 3 A-12 reconnaissance aircraft and its propulsion system. This development lead to the Air Force SR-71 and YF-12A Interceptor aircraft.

In cooperation with the Air Force, we pioneered the technical development of the U-2 and U-2R reconnaissance aircraft now employed by the Agency and the Air Force.

The Air Force has supported the Agency throughout the development of the A-12 and the U-2 aircraft. The support has included logistics, personnel, tanker aircraft, security cover, and air-sea rescue services.

DEPARTMENT OF NAVY:

We have provided a U-2 as a test-bed airborne communications relay station for fleet exercises. The Navy periodically makes available an aircraft carrier for U-2 operations and training.



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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Agency Aircraft Technical Interface

With the development and operation of the A-12 aircraft, we pioneered the capability to reach and to conduct routine operation in the Mach 3 flight regime. Briefings have been given and liaison channels established to pass to cleared contacts in your Agency this technology and flight experience as might apply to the supersonic transport, the B-70 and other activities.

Your Agency has made available from time to time its wind tunnel test facilities in support of A-12 and the U-2 programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: Aerial Photography

Plans are under way to assist the Department of Commerce in verifying feasibility of estimating water resources by measurements of snow cover from aerial photography. Agency U-2 aircraft will provide such photography over instrumented snow fields in the Western United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: Agency Aircraft Technical Interface

With the development and operation of the A-12 aircraft, we pioneered the capability to reach and to conduct routine operation in the Mach 3 flight regime. Briefings have been given and liaison channels established to pass to cleared contacts in your Agency this technology and flight experience as might apply to the supersonic transport. For example, in January 1969, a briefing on the A-12 development experience was presented to your Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology and members of his staff.

We are grateful for the support rendered the A-12 and U-2 programs by FAA. Through FAA cleared contacts, FAA has arranged for special operating areas, air space, aerial refueling tracks and special covert procedures in support of our programs.



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